

Application SN: 10/658,950
Amendment Dated: January 3, 2008
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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 4, 2007 and also will summarize the telephone interview held on December 13, 2007. The participants were Examiner Patel, Supervising Examiner Michael Barr, Mr. Ron Bluestone and the undersigned attorney.

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The Applicants' parts washer was discussed and it was pointed out that the Applicants' parts washer is a multi-function unit which can be used as a manual parts washing sink, an automatic jet washer and a portable washer. A reservoir in the lower part of the cabinet collects cleaning solution from both the sink and jet washer for reuse. The unit is self-contained not requiring connection to an external source of fluid. The Applicants' parts washer thus replaces several units often found in automotive and other mechanic's shops.

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The cited references to Rhodes, Modrey, et al., Rueter, Bremer and Strong were also discussed.

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Rhodes, as it was pointed out, is not a parts washer and will not perform the multiple functions of the Applicants' device. Rhodes must be connected to a fluid supply and a drain.

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While no agreement was reached, Claim 1 has been rewritten as new Claim 13 and includes language discussed in the interview which is believed to place the claim in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims are all either directly or indirectly dependent on Claim 13. The references to Rueter, Strong and Modrey were cited only as secondary references showing features to which Applicants' invention and make no claim *per se* apart from the structure recited in Claim 13.

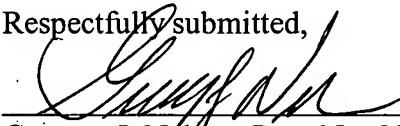
The Applicants' acknowledge with appreciation the courtesy of the interview and believe the claims are all in condition for allowance.

A petition for extension and a one month extension fee check in the amount of \$60.00 accompanies this Response.

A favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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Respectfully submitted,



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